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Louisville Community Collection

Repository
Mercy Heritage Center
720 Heritage Center Place
Belmont NC 28012

Physical Description:
51 linear feet, including:
- Documents
- Photographs
- Publications

Dates:
1869-2008

Restrictions:
Some files may be subject to restrictions. Consult Mercy Heritage Center archivists for more information.

Provenance:
The Louisville Community Collection was transferred to Mercy Heritage Center from Louisville, Kentucky in 2011. Additional records related to the Louisville Community were transferred to or created by the Cincinnati Province/Regional Community and transferred to Mercy Heritage Center in 2011 as part of the Cincinnati Regional Community Collection.

History:
At request of the Bishop McCloskey of Louisville, group led by Ignatius Walker came to Louisville, Kentucky, from St. Louis to staff the city’s Marine Hospital in 1869. The community took charge of two schools several years later and moved their convent from the hospital to St. Catherine’s Convent in 1872. The community began staffing schools, including the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, and opened Sacred Heart Home for the Aging. In the twentieth century, ministries expanded as the community continued to serve in education ministries, including
Louisville’s Cerebral Palsy School, Mercy Montessori, and Assumption High School. The community also opened hospitals in Morganfield and Owensboro.

In 1929, the Louisville Community voted to join the Sisters of Mercy of the Union and became part of the Province of Cincinnati. In 2008, the Cincinnati Regional Community became part of the South Central Community of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

Scope and Content:
The collection is divided into eight series based on subject and format. General research and original material on specific individuals or topics can be found in Series 100 History. Member files and administrative material from 1929-2008 can be found in the Cincinnati Province Collection. Ministry photographs are interfiled with printed material. Photographs of individual sisters are located in Series 700 Photographs.

Series/Subseries:
100 History
101 Chronicles
102 Corporation
103 Correspondence
200 Assemblies/Meetings/Conferences
300 Schools/Homes/Hospitals Owned
  300 – St. Catherine Convent
  301 - Academy of Our Lady of Mercy
  302 - Assumption High School
  303 - Mercy Montessori School
  304 - Visitation Home/The McAuley
  305 - Sacred Heart Home/Village
  306 – Mount Mercy
400 Parochial Schools/Ministries
  401 – Early Schools
    Cathedral School
    St. Patrick School
    St. Agnes Day School
    St. Francis of Assisi School
St. Charles Borromeo School
St. Mary Magdalen School
St. William School
St. Paul School (Jackson Street)

402 – St. Paul School (Pleasure Ridge Park)

403 – Sacred Heart School (Hickman, KY)

404 – St. Basil School

405 – St. Polycarp School

406 – St. Athanasius/Our Lady of Consolation/St. Martha Schools

407 – Our Lady School

408 – Cerebral Palsy School

409 – St. Aloysius School (Payne Street)

410 – Holy Cross School

411 – Holy Family School (Columbus, Ohio)

412 – St. John the Evangelist (Paduah, KY)

413 – Missions

414 – Our Lady of Mercy Hospital – Morganfield, KY

415 – Our Lady of Mercy Hospital – Owensboro, KY

500 Anniversaries

600 Music Publications

700 Photographs

800 Oversized Materials